



Borough of Heywood

In the County of Lancaster

Annual Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1969

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1969/70

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
LONGFORD STREET,
HEYWOOD,

JUNE, 1970.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In submitting my report for 1969 you will appreciate that the late Dr. James Brooks was in office for the first half of the year.

Dr. Brooks died on 23rd April last and I am sure you would wish me to place on record his loyal service to the Borough before and since the National Health Service Act, 1948, covering 39 years in all.

The diversity of services undertaken by the Department are well shown by the details and statistics in the body of the report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (acres)	8,342
Population (Census, 1961)	24,090
Estimated Population (1969)	30,360
Number of inhabited houses (Estimated, 1969) ...	10,778
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census, 1961)	8,615
Rateable Value (31st December, 1969)	£848,557
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate (31/12/69)	£3,380

	Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS—Legitimate	242	226	468
Illegitimate	27	37	64
	<u>269</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>532</u>

STILLBIRTHS	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
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DEATHS	<u>173</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>341</u>
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INFANT MORTALITY

Deaths of Infants under one year of age	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>
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Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age, (neo-natal)	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
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Deaths of Infants under one week of age (early neo-natal)	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
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MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	<u>Nil</u>
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VITAL STATISTICS — COMPARATIVE TABLES

		PER 1,000 POPULATION								MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE	INFANT MORTALITY RATE			STILLBIRTHS	
		No. Live Births	No. Deaths	Crude Live Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Death Rate from Respiratory Tuberculosis	Death Rate from Cancer (all forms)	Actual Deaths from Cancer of Lung & Bronchus			Per 1,000 Total Births	Per 1,000 Live Births			
												Total	Neo Natal		
YEAR	1965	29,390	583	321	19.8	10.9	0.10	1.70	12	Nil	13.7	8.6	15	25.1	
	1966	30,420	533	344	17.5	11.3	0.03	1.94	10	Nil	11.3	7.5	17	30.9	
	1967	30,400	552	359	18.2	11.8	0.07	2.30	16	Nil	22.0	16.0	13	24.0	
	1968	30,400	522	363	17.2	11.9	0.07	2.37	19	Nil	23.0	19.0	13	24.0	
	1969	30,360	532	341	17.5	11.2	Nil	2.21	12	Nil	24.0	13.0	8	15.0	
ENGLAND AND WALES, 1969															
48,826,800		797,542	579,463	16.3	11.9	0.02	2.35	29,763	0.19	18.0	12.0	10,662	13.0		

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of cases of Infectious Disease notified, number of notified cases removed to Hospital and total number of deaths (notified and un-notified cases) from these diseases during the year 1969.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Food Poisoning.

Two cases were reported. These persons were infected with *Salmonella typhi-murium* (infecting vehicles not identified).

Immunisation.

A reduction in the number of children immunised and vaccinated (both primary and reinforcement injections) was noted during 1969. The relevant figures are :

Disease	No. Immunised or Vaccinated	Reinforcement Injections
Whooping Cough	211	112
Poliomyelitis	228	252
Diphtheria	231	357
Smallpox	111	10
Tetanus	279	421
Measles	107	—

Immunisation and vaccination is carried out at the School Clinic, Taylor Street, which is administered by the Lancashire County Council.

Bacteriological Examination.

The examination of bacteriological specimens is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at Withington Hospital. Specimens sent for examination were:

193 Dysentery

4 Food Poisoning

Disinfection.

Disinfection of infected materials arising from notifiable cases of Infectious Disease is carried out by the Public Health Staff. Tubercular-infected houses are disinfected and Elementary Schools, where any possibility of infection exists, are fumigated or sprayed with liquid disinfectant. All books belonging to the Public Library which have been exposed to infection are treated before returning to shelves for circulation.

**CAUSES OF DEATHS OF HEYWOOD RESIDENTS
DURING 1969.**

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus ...	1	1	2
Malignant enoplasm, stomach ...	5	3	8
Malignant neoplasm, intestine ...	4	6	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	11	1	12
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate ...	4	—	4
Leukaemia ...	3	1	4
Other malignant neoplasms ...	5	8	13
Diabetes mellitus ...	—	4	4
Avitaminoses, etc. ...	—	1	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases ...	1	1	2
Anaemias ...	1	—	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc. ...	1	2	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	2	3	5
Hypertensive disease ...	2	3	5
Ischaemic heart disease ...	50	35	85
Other forms of heart disease ...	4	11	15
Cerebrovascular disease ...	18	34	52
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	5	12	17
Influenza ...	1	1	2
Pneumonia ...	13	17	30
Bronchitis and emphysema ...	22	5	27
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	2	1	3
Appendicitis ...	—	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ...	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	1	1	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system ...	1	1	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system ...	—	1	1
Congenital anomalies ...	2	1	3
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ...	2	—	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality ...	2	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents ...	3	3	6
All other accidents ...	3	3	6
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	2	—	2
All other external causes ...	1	—	1
	<hr/> 173	<hr/> 168	<hr/> 341

TUBERCULOSIS.

Number of new cases notified, and number of deaths during year 1969.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES. *				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Years								
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	<div>—1</div> <div>1</div>		<div>—</div> <div>—</div>		<div>—</div> <div>—</div>		<div>—</div> <div>—</div>	

* Primary notifications only.

A decrease in the incidence of Tuberculosis compared with the 1968 figure of 8 cases (6 Pulmonary, 2 Non-Pulmonary), is noted. In addition, 2 cases were transferred into Heywood under population movement.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year and 4 persons were reported as recovered.

Hospitals.

Two District Hospital Management Committees serve the Borough:—

The Bury and Rossendale Hospital Management Committee which controls:—

Bury General Hospital.
Fairfield General Hospital, Bury.
Rossendale General Hospital, Rawtenstall.
Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury.

Rochdale and District Management Committee which controls:—

Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale.
Rochdale Infirmary.

Tuberculosis:—The Chest Clinic is held at “Sparthfield,” Manchester Road, Rochdale, to which suspected cases are referred by medical practitioners.

Venereal Diseases:—Confidential advice and treatment are given at:—V.D. Clinic, Bury General Hospital.
Special Treatment Centre, Manchester Road, Rochdale.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

These clinics are held at the undermentioned times:

Health Centre, Taylor Street:

Ante-Natal Clinic—Wednesday 9-0 a.m.

Specialist Clinic—4th Tuesday each month 2-15 p.m.

Child Welfare Clinic—Wednesday and Thursday
1-30 to 3-30 p.m.

Darnhill Clinic:

Ante-Natal Clinic—Monday 1-30 p.m.

Child Welfare Clinic—Tuesday 1-30 to 3-30 p.m.

In addition, Child Welfare Clinics are held at Moulding Chapel, Birtle, on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at 1-30 p.m.

The **Audiometry Clinic** is held at Taylor Street each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon by appointment.

Chiropody Clinics are held at Taylor Street and Darnhill Clinics throughout the week by appointment only.

The **Cytology Clinic** is held at Taylor Street alternate Thursday mornings by appointment.

Dental Clinics are held at Taylor Street on Monday at 9-0 a.m. and 2-0 p.m., Tuesday at 1-30 p.m., Friday at 9-30 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. In addition a clinic is held for expectant mothers at 5-0 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. With the exception of Monday afternoon all clinics are by appointment.

Family Planning Clinics are held at Taylor Street on Mondays at 7-0 p.m. by appointment only.

The **Minor Ailments Clinic** is held at Taylor Street each Tuesday and Friday morning commencing at 9-0 a.m.

The **Ophthalmic Clinic** is held at Taylor Street on alternate Monday mornings commencing at 9-0 a.m. and each Friday afternoon at 3-0 p.m. by appointment only.

Ambulance Service.

A fully equipped and staffed ambulance service is provided by the County Council for all types of case including those of infectious diseases.

Nursing in the Home.

Four Midwives practise in the Borough. Three District Nurses, two State Enrolled Nurses and one Nursing Auxiliary work in the town and attend evening sessions for surgical dressings and injections at the Taylor Street Clinic. All appointments are made by the County Council.

Day Nurseries.

Two day nurseries under the control of the County Council are situated in the Borough:—

St. Anne's Nursery, Bury New Road, has accommodation for 40 children.

Queen Street Nursery accommodates 50 children.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

HEYWOOD,

JUNE, 1970.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting a report on the environmental health service provided during 1969. Most of the work of the Department has again been concentrated on housing, food hygiene and smoke control, each an important factor of environmental hygiene. It is not possible to comment upon the many varied aspects of the administration but in this introduction it is felt that particular attention should be drawn to the following.

Progress has been maintained in the battle for Clean Air. Smoke Control Area No. 9 came into operation on 1st November, 1969 and since the introduction of the No. 1 Area in June, 1961, some 10,482 premises have come under control. This has been done despite periodic alarms relating to possible shortages of smokeless fuel and the knowledge that some Local Authorities have adopted a "go slow" policy. As only two areas of the town remain to be dealt with the Council is to be congratulated on its efforts to secure a cleaner atmosphere.

During the year there was a deceleration in the pace of housing clearance due to limitations imposed by the current financial allowance necessitated by the Housing Act, 1969. Approximately 619 houses remain to be dealt with in the current clearance programme due for completion in 1972, but in the light of present restrictions it is unlikely that the target date will be met. Dereliction of some house properties has grown due to the failure of owners to sell or let dwellings. Many of the houses could, with adequate maintenance, continue to have a reasonable life; unfortunately these blocks of

property are now deteriorating rapidly and will require clearance long before their age and construction would normally require. Some opposition is also being encountered in the proper maintenance of dwellings where owners restrict repair to a bare minimum rather than permit a more expensive and durable renovation.

The Housing Act, 1969 re-enacted and modified many earlier provisions regarding house improvement grants, area and environmental improvement, and introduced a new rent structure in respect of tenanted houses provided with the standard amenities. The Department has been made responsible for all these facets of housing and area improvement and this work is going to occupy an increasing proportion of officers' time.

It has been found necessary to appoint an enforcement officer to remove the increasing number of caravans trespassing on both Corporation and private land. Owners of land have been most co-operative in authorising permanent right of entry to the Department but the problem, particularly in the Lower Todd Street area, is accelerating and becoming a continual nuisance to the residents of this district.

I should like at this point to refer to the retirement in June, 1969 of my colleague for twenty-one years, the late Dr. James Brooks, and the active collaboration which was built during that period.

May I take this opportunity to record my appreciation of the efforts of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee during the year under review, and also the support given to me by my staff.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. BUCKLEY,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the Borough is supplied by the West Pennine Water Board, formed under Water Order No. 512 dated 23rd March, 1968 and operative from 1st April, 1968. Local Authorities regrouped to form the new water undertaking include Heywood, Middleton, Ashton, Oldham, Rochdale, Saddleworth and Audenshaw. The previous water undertaker was the Heywood and Middleton Water Board.

Water is derived from moorland surface gathering grounds, stored in impounding reservoirs and treated by pressure filtration and chlorination before entering supply mains. As a safeguard against plumbo solvent action chalk and or lime is added during filtration. The supply is sufficient and constant and a direct piped supply is maintained in 10,889 houses. No dwellinghouse is supplied by means of a stand pipe. 2,631 yards extension to water mains for 151 new dwellings and 2 existing dwellings was completed during the year.

Samples from Reservoirs. It is encouraging to report that the organic quality and colour of the waters are satisfactory. The bacteriological quality has in general been of a satisfactory standard, although on a few occasions coliform organisms have been present in the water. Samples examined for natural fluoride content were in the range of 0.23 to 0.25 parts per million.

Samples from Distribution Areas. The bacteriological quality of the service waters is satisfactory. The chemical condition has been satisfactory although as usual they have been slightly on the acid side of neutrality. In general the appearance and clarity of the waters have been good and the lead content of no consequence. Samples examined for artificial radioactivity can be classed as satisfactory and in keeping with both the National and Regional levels.

Private Water Supplies. 6 samples of raw water were subject to bacteriological examination of which 5 were satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory. User of the latter supply was notified accordingly.

SCHOOLS.

The water supply and sanitary condition of public elementary schools is satisfactory. No instance of school closure, for the prevention of spread of infectious disease was necessary during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

The following table gives the accurate number of all types of closets in the Borough, together with the conversions from the conservancy system to the fresh water carriage system for the past ten years.

Year	Conversions to F.W.C's. from			Privy Middens Abolished	Closet Accommodation Remaining				Privy Middens Remaining
	Wastewater Closets	Pail Closets	Privy Closets		Waste Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privy Closets	Fresh Water Closets	
1960	87	1	—	—	1600	175	—	8373	—
1961	119	—	—	—	1094	175	—	8903	—
1962	50	2	—	—	993	172	—	9180	—
1963	62	2	—	—	879	149	—	9847	—
1964	107	1	—	—	755	147	—	10307	—
1965	31	5	—	—	724	142	—	10584	—
1966	21	—	—	—	703	120	—	10890	—
1967	16	—	—	—	606	107	—	11065	—
1968	12	—	—	—	446	83	—	11217	—
1969	11	2	—	—	435	81	—	11447	—

It will be noted that the unsatisfactory sanitary accommodation consists of:

81 Pail Closets

435 Waste Water Closets

A long term policy is in operation whereby Owners of property are offered a grant of £15 for the conversion of either Waste Water or Pail Closets.

Public Cleansing.

House refuse is deposited by householders in the 11,308 movable ashbins which are now in existence. In addition, a disposable paper sack service is in use at 169 premises. Refuse from premises other than houses is collected from the 602 movable ashbins and collection of all refuse and nightsoil is carried out weekly.

The number of houses at which movable ashbins have been provided during the year is 615.

Disposal of refuse is dealt with at the Destructor Works, where it is screened and burnt.

In an attempt to prevent unsightly tipping the Department operates a free service of removal of house hold furniture and effects. During the year 1,119 collections of this nature were made throughout the District.

As a result of procedure established under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967 (Part III) together with the original scheme of voluntary surrender by owners, 42 abandoned or old motor vehicles have been removed from various locations within the Borough during the year. The Corporation has authority to prosecute owners for abandoning motor vehicles.

A free service of removal is maintained as an incentive to prevent this nuisance.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The Public Baths provided by the Local Authority consists of a swimming bath (25 x 10 yards) and 15 slipper baths (10 for men 5 for women) the latter being fairly modern and in good condition.

The water used for filling is from the West Pennine Water Board supply which is treated by filtration, sterilisation and aeration. A complete turnover of water is accomplished every 4 hours. During the year four full chemical and bacteriological examinations were taken, all of which were satisfactory.

There is no privately owned swimming bath or pool in the Borough.

PREMISES OR OCCUPATIONS FOR WHICH BYE-LAWS MAY BE ENFORCED

Offensive Trades.

There is one Offensive Trade carried out in the Borough, *viz.:*

Leather Tanners	1
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Common Lodging Houses.

There is one registered Lodging House in the Borough, the condition of which is fairly satisfactory.

Houses Let in Lodgings.

There are no houses let in lodgings in the Borough.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA DURING 1969.

1. General Inspections, etc.

(1)	No. of visits to premises	...	...	...	...	9884
(2)	Defects or Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	852
(3)	„ „ abated	...	...	...	...	930
(4)	No. of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	734
(5)	„ Statutory „ „ P.H. Act 1961 Sect. 17	...	...	...	...	8
(6)	„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „	...	...	...	...	83 2
(7)	„ „ „ „ „ „ 1936 „	...	...	...	...	39 2
(8)	„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „	...	...	...	...	45 2
(9)	„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „	...	...	...	...	56 —
(10)	„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „	...	...	...	...	75 4
(11)	„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „	...	...	...	...	83 —
(12)	„ „ „ „ „ „ „ „	...	...	...	...	91/93 7
(13)	„ „ „ „ Clean Air Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	12 —
(14)	„ Notices served Rent Act, 1957 Form J	...	...	...	...	1
(15)	„ „ „ „ „ L	...	...	...	...	—
(16)	„ „ „ „ „ N	...	...	...	...	—
(17)	„ „ „ „ „ P	...	...	...	...	—
(18)	„ Revocation of Cert. of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	—
(19)	„ Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	1
(20)	„ Notices—Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	1

2. Nature and result of the Inspections.

(a) The following is a summary of the inspections carried out:—

No. of Inspections of Farms and Dairies	...	...	...	...	33
„ Ice Cream Manufacturing Plant	...	...	...	...	1
„ Factories	...	...	...	...	49
„ Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	1
„ Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...	1
„ Shops	...	...	...	...	283
„ Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	20
„ <i>re</i> Poultry Processing	...	...	...	...	546
„ Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	163
„ Housing	...	...	...	...	2,491
„ Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	8
„ Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	3
„ Smoke Control Areas	...	...	...	...	4,628
„ Smoke Abatement	...	...	...	...	60
„ Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	97
„ Abandoned Motor Vehicles	...	...	...	...	126
„ Removal of Caravans	...	...	...	...	64
„ Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	28
„ Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	...	...	...	...	59
„ Other Premises	...	...	...	...	1,336
Total				...	9,997

No. of Complaints received 274

(b) Resulting from Inspections, the following defects have been remedied:—

No. of House Drains and Water Closets opened and cleansed from obstruction	67
„ Drains provided with efficient traps	—
„ Drains repaired and reconstructed	5
„ Dirty Houses cleansed	6
„ Sink waste pipes repaired or disconnected from drains	1
„ Roofs of houses repaired and made waterproof ...	20
„ Defective gutters & downspouts repaired or replaced	22
„ Offensive accumulations removed	15
„ Defective Ashbins replaced or supplied to New Houses, etc.	615
„ Defective Sanitary Pails renewed	3
„ Other defects	122

Shops and Offices.

There are 540 shops in the Borough. During the year 283 inspections were made of the various premises.

A total of 190 premises were registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 at the end of the year, of which 45 were inspected. Where necessary owners have been communicated with to ensure that the various classes of premises comply with the requirements of the Act.

Smoke Abatement.

There are Bye-laws in operation in the Borough limiting the emission of Black Smoke for not more than two minutes in any period of 30 minutes.

Year	No. Observations Made	Number which emitted Black Smoke for times stated.										No. of Notices Served	No. of Legal Proceedings Taken
		No Black smoke		1 minute and under		2 minutes and under		3 minutes and under		Over 3 minutes			
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
1957	150	72	48	64	43	14	9	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.
1958	15	8	53	2	13	3	20	1	7	1	7	—	Nil.
1959	5	3	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	40	—	Nil.
1960	6	5	83	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	17	—	Nil.
1961	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.
1962	7	3	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	57	—	Nil.
1963	7	5	72	1	14	1	14	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.
1964	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.
1965	12	11	92	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	—	Nil.
1966	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.
1967	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	100	—	Nil.
1968	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	100	2	2
1969	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.

Although 60 visits were made to premises during the year it was not found necessary to take observations of industrial chimneys. On the whole the steady reduction in smoke emission from factory chimneys continues, probably due to the “prior approval” now required for new installations as well as previous efforts of the department.

Smoke Control Areas.

Survey work in connection with the proposed Smoke Control Area No. 10 was commenced during the year.

This area consists of 4,796 acres and is bounded on the west, north and east by the District boundary and on the south by the River Roch, and includes all that area of the Borough north of the River Roch.

The area contains 315 domestic and 5 industrial premises.

Summary :

No. of Smoke Control Areas in operation at 31.12.69	...	9
No. of dwellings and other buildings involved	... 10,482	
No. of Orders submitted to Ministry during year	... 1	
No. of dwellings and other buildings involved	... 719	
No. of Orders confirmed by Ministry during year	... 1	
No. of dwellings and other buildings involved	... 719	

Exempted Premises :

A total of 100 premises are exempted from the 9 smoke control orders currently in operation. These may be classified as follows :

Slum Clearance :	60 premises
Redevelopment :	35 premises
Industrial :	5 premises

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.**(a) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.**

PREMISES	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	—	—	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	146	49	—	—
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	146	49	—	—

(b) Cases in which defects were found.

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes.	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	1	—	1	—

OUTWORK

NATURE OF WORK	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(29) Xmas Novelties	2	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

The present number of applications received by the Housing Department for Corporation houses is 507.

From lodgers	...	...	...	113
„ householders	...	...	...	394
		Total	...	507

For Bungalows/one bedroom flats				168
„ two bedrooms...	...	...	...	225
„ three/four bedrooms	...	...	...	114
		Total	...	507

The number of applicants for Corporation houses has decreased by 141.

The total number of houses under control of the Local Authority is 2,290.

181 families were housed during the year from lodgings and privately owned houses.

Particulars of Housing Scheme.

(a) In hand at the end of 1969 :

One scheme of development is in progress :

Schofield Street—Old Persons Flatlets Scheme, 28 Dwellings plus Communal Rooms, Warden's House etc.

(b) Contemplated:

Old persons flatlets scheme comprising 28 dwellings, similar to the current project.

Housing Statistics.

No. of new houses and flats erected during year:—

(1) By the Local Authority:	64
(2) By other Local Authorities:	—
(3) By other Bodies and Persons:	166
	—
Total:	230
	—

The current housing shortage is in the region of 300 houses. Of this total to-day's requirements are 120, one bedroom type, 120, two bedroom type, 60, 3 bedroom type. The primary need is for one bedroom accommodation. At present, approximately 50% of applications for transfer to one bedroom accommodation are from tenants in two and three bedroom dwellings whose premises are under-occupied. Rehousing of tenants into dwellings suitable to their requirements would release two and three bedroom Council houses for family needs.

Clearance orders for 34 unfit dwellings were prepared for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government during the year. A total of 125 persons were rehoused and 92 houses demolished.

14 persons were rehoused, 3 houses demolished and 8 houses closed as a result of Individual Unfit procedure or from Undertakings to demolish or not to relet. 189 unfit houses were made fit as a result of informal or formal action by the Department.

11 applications for Improvement Grant were submitted, 8 of which were approved by the Local Authority. Work was completed on 17 schemes.

93 applications for Standard Grant were submitted to the Local Authority and 79 approved. Work was completed on 75 schemes.

Darnhill Overspill Estate.

There were no new dwellings completed during 1969. The estate now comprises 1,878 dwellings to which 6,168 persons have been rehoused.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk.

The supervision of milk production on farms is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Local Authority is responsible for the prevention of milk infection.

Brucella Abortus :

202 samples were submitted for biological examination.

	Results		No Result
	Positive	Negative	
Ring Test	15	187	—
Culture Test	16	186	—

When positive results are obtained owners of infected animals are instructed to subject the whole of the milk yield to heat treatment before sale and advised to consult their veterinary surgeon. Co-operation of farmers is obtained in disposal of affected animals. Further samples are taken to ensure that the remainder of the herd is clear.

Meat.

All slaughtering and inspection of carcasses is carried out at the Abattoir, Bury and surrounding authorities, with the exception of animals slaughtered in emergency or in connection with certain diseases of animals.

Three slaughterman's licences were granted during the year in accordance with the Slaughter of Animals Act.

The policy adopted as regards the prevention of contamination of meat in shops, stalls and vehicles, conforms with the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Poultry.

There are two poultry processing premises in the district which are inspected daily.

Type	No. Processed	No. Rejected	Rejected Weight
Broiler Chickens	2,038,739	37,551	148,701 lbs.
Hens	161,428	11,426	22,975 lbs.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There is one egg pasteurisation plant in the district.

Other Foods.

Inspections under the sale of Food and Drugs Act are carried out by the County Council. 146 samples were obtained in Heywood during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1969. Of these samples 94 were milk (11 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 52 others comprising :—

1 Dressed Crab, canned	1 Bacon Grill, canned
1 Breakfast Cereal	1 Pork Luncheon Meat, canned
1 Mussels, bottled	1 Yorkshire Pudding
1 Sauce	1 Pork Pie
2 Cheese	1 Polony
2 Liver Sausages	1 Cream of Mushroom soup, canned
1 Mushroom Soup, dry	1 Sterilised Cream
1 Jam	1 Cough Mixture
1 Peas, canned	1 Grapefruit Juice, canned
1 Blancmange Powder	1 Corned Beef Loaf, canned
1 Liver, Ham Pate	1 Strawberries, canned
1 Drinking Chocolate	1 Jelly Cream Crystals
1 Custard Powder	1 Damsons, canned
1 Irish Stew, canned	1 Biscuits
1 Parsley Sauce Mix	1 Carrots, canned
1 Brandy	1 Margarine
1 Rum	1 Table Jelly
4 Whisky	1 Potatoes, dried
1 Black Puddings	1 Fresh Apples
1 Liver	1 Jam Sponge Pudding
1 Pork Sausages	1 Ham
1 Orange Drink	1 Ham and Tongue Pate
2 Soup, canned	1 Boned Roasted Duck with Mush- room, canned

All samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following :

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action taken
Informal Milk, Channel Islands	Fat 3.90%. Deficient 2.5% fat.	Dairy notified.
Formal Milk	Fat 2.95%. Deficient 1.6% fat.	Producer notified.
Pork Sausages	Meat content 52%. Recom- mended minimum meat content for pork sausages 65%.	Vendor interviewed.
Formal Milk	Appeal-to-Cow samples all poor in fat.	Producer and Milk Marketing Board informed.

The amount of unsound foodstuffs surrendered and destroyed during the year includes:—

Tinned and Packet Foods	386 lbs.
Carcase and Other Meats	85 lbs.
Frozen Foods	1,161 lbs.

All condemned food is incinerated under supervision.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Type of Business	No. of Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
General Grocers & Provision Dealers	86	127	75	86	86
Greengrocers & Fruiterers (including those selling Wet Fish, Game etc.)	27	24	23	27	27
Fishmongers (including those selling Poultry, Game etc.)	2	6	2	2	2
Meat Shops, (Butchers, Purveyors of Cooked & Preserved Meats, Tripe etc.) ...	34	25	29	34	34
Bakers and/or Confectioners...	35	15	30	35	35
Fried Fish Shops	24	6	19	24	24
Shops selling mainly Sugar Confectionery, Minerals, Ice-Cream etc.	23	15	18	13	13
Licensed Premises, Clubs, Canteens, Restaurants, Cafes, Snack Bars & similar catering establishments	97	20	77	97	97
Others	212	65	—	—	—

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1959 and 1963.

The registration of premises for the manufacture and sale of Ice Cream is carried out under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Before registration is granted premises must comply with the Code of Practice issued by the Lancashire County Council. A total of 78 premises were registered for the sale of Ice Cream at the end of 1969, to which 64 visits have been made.

Food Hawkers.

The registration of Hawkers of food and their premises is carried out under Section 14 of the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Acts and both premises and mobile vehicles must comply with the required regulations. 4 persons, residing within the Borough are registered as Hawkers. Additionally, 25 mobile shops in the ownership of 13 other persons or companies, are registered.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Type of Property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in District.	10,778	86
(b) Total number of properties inspected following complaint.	493	6
(c) No. of properties in		
(b) infested by – Rats.	158	6
Mice.	264	–

All infested properties were treated and where necessary owners advised to effect repairs contributing to the infestation.

Disinfestation.

(a) No. of Council houses found to be infested: (Cockroaches 38: Fleas 12:)	50
(b) No. of Other houses found to be infested: (Bugs 3 : Fleas 1)	4
(c) Total number of houses disinfested:	54

Joint visits by representatives of the Housing and Public Health Departments are made when infestations of Council houses are suspected.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

12 complaints relating to a noise nuisance were received and investigated during the year. No formal action was necessary on any occasion.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

No new applications for registration (renewable at three yearly intervals) were received during the year. A total of 11 persons are now registered under the Act.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.

There are two registered premises in the Borough which are regularly inspected by a qualified veterinary surgeon, delegated by the Council.

Petroleum Acts.

A total of 39 licences were issued during the year for the storage of 82,030 gallons Petroleum Spirit namely, 25,630 gallons stored by 28 private companies and 56,400 gallons for sale at 11 commercial garages. All new storage tanks are installed under the supervision of the Department and any tank withdrawn from use must be rendered safe from the risk of explosion to comply with licensing conditions.

Destructor Works.

8,582 tons of household and shop refuse have been dealt with at the Destructor Works by a process of separation, incineration and controlled tipping.

A further 2,158 loads of trade waste from various industries in the town have been disposed of on the tip. It is estimated that some 7,000 tons of builder's materials have been disposed of on the River Street tip.

Salvage operations have continued, the main items being ferrous and non-ferrous metals, waste paper and textiles. 7,978 tons of ash have been recovered from the tip and sold.

The Works now consist of two Receiving Hoppers with Housing, one Hiab Grab, Refuse Elevator, Rotary Screen and Housing, Tailings Conveyor, Picking Belt, Electro-Magnetic Metal Extractor, two cell Incinerator, Stoking Conveyor and Fan Draught, Dust Extractors, Water Seal Dust Trap, Metal Baler, Paper Baler, Electric motors etc.

Some trouble has been experienced from trespass and wilful damage.

Sewage Works

During the year 1969, 815 million gallons of sewage and trade waste have been fully treated at the Botany Sewage Works. The highest daily flow was recorded in November when 4.5 million gallons was fully treated and a similar amount of storm water passed through the storm water tanks. The rainfall recorded at the Works for this day was 1.27 inches. The sewage has been strong in character due to the trade waste discharged from a Tannery, Dyeing and Bleaching Works, Paper Mill etc.

Storm water above three times the normal dry weather flow and up to six times that amount has been separately treated in the storm water tanks.

521 tons of material have been dredged from the Detritus Tank, 450 tons from the Storm Tanks and 5,670 tons of sludge removed from the Precipitation and Final Settlement Tanks. All of this has been disposed of on the ash banked drying beds situated on the adjacent Destructor Works tip and other drying beds.

Treatment at the Botany Works consists of sedimentation biological filtration and final settlement, some chemical precipitation is carried out. The Works consists of Detritus Tank, Comminutors, Storm Water Overflows and Tanks, Flow Recorder, Flow Distributor Chambers, Sedimentation Tanks, Filtration Plant, Final Settling Tanks, Electrical and Diesel Pumping Plant, Air Compressor and Ejector etc.

A steady increase in the flow is occurring due to housing development and the intake of industrial waste.

Sewage from the Heap Bridge area has been separately treated at the small land filtration plant at Heap Bridge, the estimated flow being 24 million gallons. The plant is very old and arrangements are in hand for the Works to be closed and alternative arrangements made for reception of the sewage.

Considerable trouble has been experienced due to trespass, damage, several burglaries and the discharge of fire-arms.

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